

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 1</p> <p>1</p> <p>2</p> <p>3</p> <p>4</p> <p>5</p> <p>6 YUCCA MOUNTAIN</p> <p>7 TRIBAL INTERACTIONS MEETING</p> <p>8</p> <p>9</p> <p>10 REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF COMMENTS</p> <p>11</p> <p>12 Taken at the Desert Research Institute</p> <p>13 755 E. Flamingo Road</p> <p>14 Las Vegas, Nevada</p> <p>15</p> <p>16 On Wednesday, June 2, 2004</p> <p>17 At 2:27 p.m.</p> <p>18</p> <p>19</p> <p>20</p> <p>21</p> <p>22</p> <p>23</p> <p>24</p> <p>25 Reported by: Deborah Ann Hines, CCR #473, RPR</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 3</p> <p>1 opportunity to participate in this dialog, we want to</p> <p>2 also allow DOE to recognize that it's been nearly</p> <p>3 going on four years perhaps that we haven't met, so</p> <p>4 it makes it very difficult for us to provide</p> <p>5 information on a rail transportation system that's</p> <p>6 being evaluated or going to be developed through the</p> <p>7 EIS.</p> <p>8 We believe that the comment period should be</p> <p>9 extended for the tribal governments to provide</p> <p>10 additional comments to the process and request that</p> <p>11 that be extended by 90 days.</p> <p>12 Secondly, we are a bit concerned that no</p> <p>13 contractors have been identified to provide the EIS,</p> <p>14 as is typically customary.</p> <p>15 Thirdly, we believe that the American Indian</p> <p>16 Rider Subgroup should be permitted to develop a</p> <p>17 resource document for reference to and inclusion as</p> <p>18 appropriate in the final EIS, the draft EIS. We</p> <p>19 would hope and suggest that as recommended previously</p> <p>20 in the resource document to the EIS dated February</p> <p>21 1998 that systematic ethnographic studies that deal</p> <p>22 with the misperception analysis of the proposed</p> <p>23 transportation corridor be implemented and properly</p> <p>24 evaluated.</p> <p>25 The rail shipments that would be coming</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 2</p> <p>1 ROBIN SWEENEY: What we're going to do now</p> <p>2 is open this up for public comment. And what I mean</p> <p>3 by that is that you guys I'm assuming have prepared</p> <p>4 some comments and will all read them or talk to the</p> <p>5 court reporter and she will capture everything, as</p> <p>6 she's capturing everything I'm saying now, and I will</p> <p>7 not be responding except to say thank you at the end</p> <p>8 of it. And these comments will be part of the public</p> <p>9 record that we'll be able to have and look at.</p> <p>10 She did ask me also to say please state your</p> <p>11 name and what tribe you're with. She has the</p> <p>12 spellings already written down here so she'll correct</p> <p>13 that later if need be.</p> <p>14 Okay, then this opens the Tribal Update</p> <p>15 Meeting comment session on June 2nd, 2004.</p> <p>16 RICHARD ARNOLD: Good afternoon. My name is</p> <p>17 Richard Arnold. I'm the spokesperson for the</p> <p>18 Consolidated Group of Tribes and Organizations, and</p> <p>19 I'm Southern Paiute from Pahrump, Nevada.</p> <p>20 I have a series of comments that I'd like to</p> <p>21 present and after I'm done presenting I will pass the</p> <p>22 mike around for individuals to present their</p> <p>23 respective comments.</p> <p>24 First I wanted to, on behalf of the group,</p> <p>25 make it known that while we appreciate the</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 4</p> <p>1 through the lines once constructed we believe should</p> <p>2 be restricted only for those DOE shipments and not</p> <p>3 for commercial use. On behalf of the group we also</p> <p>4 support, and let me see here -- let me strike that</p> <p>5 for now and I'll move on to the next.</p> <p>6 We believe that this meeting does not</p> <p>7 supplant consultation with the tribes and believe</p> <p>8 that DOE needs to continue in this vein with respect</p> <p>9 to transportation to consult on a</p> <p>10 government-to-government basis with those tribes that</p> <p>11 are culturally impacted by these deferences, and not</p> <p>12 only within the state of Nevada but across the</p> <p>13 country as well.</p> <p>14 Next I'd like to identify that the tribes,</p> <p>15 there were a series of tribes that weren't identified</p> <p>16 on the handout, the map showing the transportation</p> <p>17 corridors in addition to the larger scaled map that</p> <p>18 was shown on the wall, one of the exhibits there,</p> <p>19 that several tribes, including the Las Vegas Paiute</p> <p>20 tribes with the property downtown, the Reno/Spark</p> <p>21 Indian Colony, Battle Mountain, Winnemucca, Wells and</p> <p>22 Ely are omitted from the map and/or are covered by</p> <p>23 the infamous black dot that's on each map describing</p> <p>24 the area.</p> <p>25 We're concerned that the EIS scoping process</p>

1 or comment period was extended. We were advised that  
2 that was due to receiving input from the state and  
3 the counties but the same opportunity was not granted  
4 to the tribes, so that's what out justification would  
5 be for extending the comment period.

6 We believe that an advanced copy of the EIS  
7 should be provided to the CGTO and the respective  
8 tribal governments to ensure that we have ample  
9 opportunity to review the document.

10 The group here also supports the language  
11 and intent of the Ruby Valley Treaty of 1863 and  
12 recommends that the proposed rail corridor not cross  
13 through any lands identified therein.

14 I believe that concludes the collective  
15 comments of the group, so at this time I'll pass it  
16 on to one of the folks here.

17 CALVIN MEYERS: My name is Calvin Meyers.  
18 I'm a member of the Moapa Band of Paiutes. These are  
19 my thoughts and my thoughts alone. The tribal  
20 council will formulate some thoughts and send them to  
21 you and hopefully they will be implemented.

22 One of my thoughts is that right now the  
23 tribe would like to become a cooperating agency in  
24 the writing of the EIS.

25 Another thought is trust responsibility.

1 their wing, such as what has happened with the Las  
2 Vegas Indian Center. Because as you go along in the  
3 history of the project, you don't have to be a real  
4 tribal government to be able to do that, so I would  
5 like to see you do that with them.

6 And I guess lastly what I would like to  
7 comment on is that it's hard to make comments at a  
8 scoping meeting when you don't know what's out there  
9 or what's really being looked at. For instance, I  
10 would like to see a document that I could look at and  
11 make comments to, because that shows me, well, I can  
12 tell you, well, you're not doing enough or you're  
13 doing just right. Those types of things I can't do  
14 because I haven't seen those.

15 And my last comment will be that  
16 consultation, this meeting is not in any way, form or  
17 shape to be construed as consultation to the Moapa  
18 Band of Paiutes. Consultation to the Moapa Band of  
19 Paiutes is speaking to the tribal council. And  
20 that's all that I will say for right now. Thank you.

21 ROBIN SWEENEY: Thank you.

22 WILFRED NABAHE: My name is Wilfred J.  
23 Nabahe. That's N-a-b-a-h-e. I'm a descendent of the  
24 Western Shoshone Nation and a member of Lone Pine  
25 Paiute-Shoshone Reservation. I'm speaking only my

1 When is the Department of Energy, Yucca Mountain  
2 project going to live up to their trust  
3 responsibility to the Moapa Band of Paiutes and any  
4 other tribe?

5 Another thought is that there was a study  
6 done by a man called Paul Nickens. I would like to  
7 see that study and where it has gone. From what I  
8 understand it was written but it was put on the shelf  
9 somewhere. I would like to look at it because I  
10 think that will give us better insight into this rail  
11 line that DOE was talking about.

12 My fourth idea is comprehensive study such  
13 as the one that was done for the Department of  
14 Energy, the Nevada Test Site low level radioactive  
15 waste study that the tribes have done. To me that  
16 was comprehensive. It was better than what the  
17 Department of Energy got from their consultant who  
18 they paid \$300,000 to and got a 20-page document, and  
19 they gave us a hundred thousand dollars for ten days  
20 and we did a heck of a lot better document then they  
21 did.

22 Another thing that, another thought is that  
23 there's a group of Paiutes that live in Caliente. I  
24 would like to see the Department of Energy do some  
25 kind of consultation with them and bring them under

1 thoughts alone.

2 I'd like to reiterate that I believe this is  
3 not consultation with the governments, and that DOE  
4 needs to reflect their trust responsibilities to the  
5 governments. It's not happening. And within their  
6 trust responsibility they need to realize the lack of  
7 manpower, resources and staff that the tribal  
8 governments have and to make a more effective  
9 outreach to those governments.

10 Again, not knowing much of where precisely,  
11 other than the maps shown to me today, where the  
12 corridor is going through, wherever it goes through there  
13 needs to be a well-documented detailed cultural  
14 resource assessment of those lands before they're  
15 destroyed. Thank you.

17 ROBIN SWEENEY: Thank you.

18 DORENA MARTINEAU: My name is Dorena  
19 Martineau, and I'm from the Southern Paiute Band in  
20 Cedar City, Utah.

21 I agree with a lot of these people. I'm  
22 fairly new here so I haven't really been out there,  
23 and I agree to it, I don't think this is really  
24 consultation either. And I think it needs to be  
25 spread out to other tribes and the other nations that

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1 are involved. I think it needs to be sent out to  
2 them too so that there could be more involvement,  
3 and, you know, they can be aware like you were  
4 talking about earlier.

5 You know, a lot of people out there, they  
6 don't really know about what's going on, and it needs  
7 to be spread out so that, you know, everyone else can  
8 be aware of all this stuff. There isn't really, you  
9 know, that much, you know, spread out that people  
10 would know about. But, anyway, these are my  
11 thoughts, and that's all I have to say. Thank you.

12 ROBIN SWEENEY: Thank you.

13 ELEANOR TOM: My name is Eleanor Tom. I'm a  
14 Southern Paiute from Cedar City Band. I'm a cultural  
15 representative for our band, for the City Band of  
16 Paiutes. And I really don't have too much to say,  
17 but I do agree with a lot of the things that's been  
18 said here around the table here. And that's all.  
19 Thank you.

20 ROBIN SWEENEY: Thank you.

21 DARLENE HOOPER DEWEY: I'm Darlene Hooper  
22 Dewey, and I'm a great granddaughter of Captain  
23 Kowich.

24 And I don't agree with what's happening  
25 here, but I don't know too much about it, but I'm

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1 concerned about our water. What's happening with the  
2 water now is we have a shortage of water. And what's  
3 going to happen after we have this stored  
4 underground, what's going to happen with our water  
5 for our people? And that's my concern.

6 ROBIN SWEENEY: Thank you.

7 GRACE GOAD: I'm Grace Goad from Timbisha  
8 Shoshone, Death Valley, California.

9 It's pretty serious all this going on, the  
10 rail coming through, coming through our little parcel  
11 that's by Scotty's Junction and also through other  
12 places through the reservations. I don't think that  
13 it should come through there. They'd have to find  
14 another way, or, I don't know. But to me it's not  
15 right because we don't have no -- the wildlife will  
16 be -- there will be no wildlife. Our plants will be  
17 gone, and our people. The air, it's bad, as it is  
18 already.

19 Nobody consulted us about this rail coming  
20 through the little parcel that we have up there at  
21 Scotty's Junction. And why not? Why didn't they let  
22 us know ahead of time? We never knew anything about  
23 it. It's been quiet. And I don't think that's  
24 right. That is all I have to say.

25 ROBIN SWEENEY: Thank you.

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1 PAULINE ESTEVES: I'm Pauline Esteves of the  
2 Timbisha Shoshone people and the Western Shoshone  
3 Nation.

4 I oppose the land withdrawn of BLM and  
5 others for the railway for the transportation of high  
6 level nuclear waste to the Yucca Mountain. The  
7 Timbisha Trust lands at Scotty's Junction should not  
8 be used for this railway. Also the land is of the  
9 Western Shoshone lands under the Treaty of Ruby  
10 Valley recognized by the United States of America as  
11 the law of the land. Also, the people of the  
12 Shoshone Nation is responsible to protect all life  
13 within all of the Native American Nations and others.

14 I stand with the group of Consolidated  
15 Tribes and Organization's recommendation to speak as  
16 one unit. The tribal government should be consulted  
17 and go further into negotiations as a state of its  
18 own nation. DOE needs a liaison to do the initial  
19 contact with the tribal governments. An education is  
20 needed before negotiations after the consultation.

21 Thank you.

22 ROBIN SWEENEY: Thank you.

23 LALLOVI MILLER: Lalovi Miller from the Moapa  
24 Band of Paiutes. I support all of the comments that  
25 has been said at this time. Thank you.

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1 ROBIN SWEENEY: Thank you.

2 JERRY CHARLES: My name is Jerry Charles.  
3 I'm from the Ely Shoshone tribe. This is my personal  
4 comment. I oppose the Yucca Mountain project and I  
5 think somewhere along the line this rail is going to  
6 have a disaster. Thank you.

7 ROBIN SWEENEY: Thank you.

8 JOE KENNEDY: I'm Joe Kennedy, Timbisha  
9 Shoshone people of the Western Shoshone Nation. I  
10 have a lot of concerns and I'm going to speak on my  
11 own behalf.

12 One of the big concerns I have is the Ruby  
13 Valley Treaty that is being trampled upon. That was,  
14 you know, supposed to be the law of the land, and  
15 it's not being honored. I think the United States  
16 government has an obligation to Native American  
17 people to work with them in working out these  
18 problems here.

19 I very much oppose Yucca Mountain with the  
20 nuclear waste and storage in the mountain because of  
21 its potential to disaster and for how long it has to  
22 be stored there for over 10,000 years that it will be  
23 hot. My concern is that those things are going to  
24 leak in time and that they're going to pollute the  
25 water systems. So that is a big concern.

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 13</p> <p>1 And if accidents happen along these  2 railways, it's not only going to affect Indian  3 people, it's going to affect anybody else that's near  4 these areas. I think this country has the technology  5 and it can go forward with alternate energy sources,  6 such as clean energy.  7 I believe in nuclear energy, but 92,000  8 miles away, and that being the sun. And I say that  9 we can use that energy and all the money that's been  10 put into this project in digging this big hole into  11 Mother Earth, that money could have been used  12 scientifically to do something else with this hot,  13 potentially dangerous substance.  14 So I believe that something should be done,  15 and the United States has an obligation to lead the  16 rest of the world in the right direction, because  17 this country uses one-third of the energy of the  18 world, so this country should lead the way.  19 And speaking for all the people here, I  20 don't know if I can, or I won't attempt to, but I  21 think the government has an obligation to the Indian  22 people to sit down and work out on an equal level  23 playing field.  24 If you look at the past of the treatment of  25 Native Americans, it's wrong. It's racially,</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 15</p> <p>1 have the information to go by. And that's all I  2 have.  3 ROBIN SWEENEY: Thank you.  4 JOE KENNEDY: I also wanted to add that it's  5 not a consultation also, that I agree with Maurice  6 and I agree with Calvin that it does need to go  7 before the rest of the people. So it does need to go  8 in front of the Western Shoshone Nation as a whole  9 and not just going to individual tribes or what have  10 you.  11 KENNY ANDERSON: My name is Kenny Anderson.  12 I'm with the Las Vegas Paiute Tribe. I'm a tribal  13 member. I'm the tribal cultural representative, and  14 I'm here to represent them, but as a representative I  15 can only talk about what we just talked about. We  16 need to have an actual meeting with the tribal  17 council so they would understand, like I've heard  18 through the day.  19 And as myself, and I'm sure the whole  20 council would probably agree, that we oppose the  21 storage of nuclear waste at Yucca Mountain. For  22 years and years they were testing, and all that  23 nuclear waste that went into the air went and, you  24 know, killed a lot of the Southern Paiute people in  25 Southern Nevada, Southern Utah. All our tribe has</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 14</p> <p>1 discriminatory. I think it's about time for a  2 change. And I see the time is now to work in a  3 positive way for all people, and not only the people  4 but those little plants, those little animals that  5 are out there that don't have a voice, just as we  6 didn't have a voice many years ago. So we're here to  7 speak for those animals, those plants and that  8 mountain, because somebody must think about the  9 future and think what's best for this planet. Thank  10 you.  11 ROBIN SWEENEY: Thank you.  12 MAURICE FRANK-CHURCHILL: My name is Maurice  13 Frank-Churchill. I'm here on behalf of the Duckwater  14 Tribe.  15 And my comments really I guess are directed  16 in regard for their protection more or less or their  17 concerns because what I see, as Richard talked  18 earlier, is that we need another extra 90 days to do  19 this formal consultation.  20 The Duckwater tribe has not been in the  21 dialog or the negotiation process. There's no  22 government-to-government relationship established.  23 And in order for them to make a sound decision on  24 behalf of the tribe and their people, they need to  25 have information. And as we also sit here we don't</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 16</p> <p>1 been devastated by all this disease through this  2 nuclear waste. And so we're going to put more  3 nuclear waste in those mountains and who knows what  4 could happen. Nobody really knows.  5 And I'd like to talk about if once this rail  6 line goes through, there's areas up I know near the  7 Hiko area, Paranagut Valley area, there's a lot of  8 petroglyph panels through that area. What happens  9 when you actually pick a site, how close are you  10 going to go to those petroglyphs? And what happens  11 if you do go through one, are you just going to tear  12 it down or is it going to be -- is the whole line  13 going to be moved right or left, I don't know.  14 And like I said, we need to meet with our  15 tribal council so they could actually have a look at  16 it and make a comment on it too.  17 And I think that was basically it. The  18 people, the Southern Paiute people have been  19 devastated by this nuclear waste. A lot of people  20 have died. We used to have a lot of people in this  21 area. They're not here no more because of all the  22 diseases. So that's my saying.  23 ROBIN SWEENEY: Thank you.  24 ATEF ELZEFTAWY: My name is Atef Elzeftawy,  25 and I work for the Las Vegas Paiute Tribe. Kenny</p>

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1 Anderson before me spoke quite well. This comment is  
2 really my personal comment, however, I think it  
3 probably presents the feeling of most of the tribes I  
4 know of.

5 The cultural resources of this tribe and the  
6 other tribes around in this area I think needs to be  
7 looked at and looked at very carefully. And I'm glad  
8 that Kenny mentioned that, because one of those  
9 petroglyphs that he has on his business card is  
10 actually over there next to the White River Narrows  
11 that I saw in 1982, and I have a picture of it.

12 When this thing goes down the drain for one  
13 reason or another, being born and raised in Egypt for  
14 15, 16 years I certainly don't want to see somebody  
15 do something and destroy the pyramids. Regardless of  
16 what benefit the people now will have surrounding  
17 those pyramids, those pyramids tell us that there was  
18 a culture back there.

19 And something has to happen within the  
20 Department of Energy to realize that having 300  
21 square miles taken out from the public land at this  
22 time is not, and I will repeat, withdrawing the land  
23 for the Nevada Test Site back in 1950. We have to  
24 learn from the mistakes this federal government does  
25 on a daily basis. Something has to do here.

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1 Something has to happen here considering the culture  
2 of the Native Americans.

3 And I just made a little tiny calculation  
4 here. If we think that one acre will be sold for  
5 \$10,000, this 300 square miles would bring about  
6 three and a half trillion dollars. So maybe the  
7 Department of Energy needs to bring three and a half  
8 trillion dollars to give it to the Shoshone people in  
9 terms of bringing this railroad line through that  
10 land. That's just my personal feeling with regard to  
11 that.

12 But I think with regard to the scoping  
13 process a couple things need to be addressed,  
14 especially after 9-11. I think the security issue  
15 has to be brought up up front, and the Department of  
16 Energy needs to address that quite well, not to pass  
17 it please to the Homeland Security.

18 The Homeland Security is a big morass. It's  
19 like a big, huge glob of things, and I would tell  
20 that to the President of the United States in his  
21 face. If something happened today it's not only a  
22 possibility but it's a high probability that if these  
23 dumb terrorists have in mind to do something, they  
24 will do it. We have no resources. We have almost  
25 zero offense. So make believe is not a good idea.

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1 The security is very important, because if  
2 something goes wrong, who is going to take care of  
3 the adverse impact on this particular spot on this  
4 particular land? Derailment happens every day in the  
5 United States. We see it all over the place. So  
6 this railroad has to be a hundred percent secure, a  
7 hundred percent watchable. Use the best technology  
8 to address it. I don't know how much it's going to  
9 cost, but you guys need to figure it out.

10 So I addressed the cultural resources. You  
11 guys need to address and address it in detail not  
12 just to gloss it over please.

13 I said something about the security. And  
14 I'm going to say the last point is please, it's about  
15 time for the Department of Energy or the Secretary of  
16 the Department of Energy to get his legs or feet, I  
17 don't want to say the other word, to come here and at  
18 least have a meeting in a room like this with the  
19 chair people of the affected, quote/unquote, Native  
20 American tribes.

21 If that man does not come here to address  
22 that issue and to see the people face to face, it's  
23 just a slap on the face. Can you imagine how  
24 degradable that is if somebody comes and slaps you on  
25 the face or spits in your face or just comes after

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1 the whole thing and says, well, let's do it this way  
2 and that way? That's just not -- I mean, we know  
3 better than that. We treat our men and our women  
4 equally regardless of race, so let us practice what  
5 we preach. And I think I'm going to end on that.

6 ROBIN SWEENEY: Thank you.

7 GENEVE SAVALA: My name is Geneve Savala,  
8 and I'm from the Kaibab Paiute Tribe. I am in  
9 support of all these things that are being said this  
10 afternoon by all the representatives present.

11 My concern lies in the people who have gone  
12 and are still contracting different types of cancer  
13 due to the contamination. When will this stop? I  
14 feel something, all this contamination is our  
15 responsibility. That's all I have to say.

16 ROBIN SWEENEY: Thank you.

17 ILA BULLETT: My name is Ila Bullets. I  
18 am with the Kaibab Band of Paiutes, Southern Paiutes,  
19 excuse me. And I agree with -- this is my own  
20 personal feeling.

21 Again I ask that DOE come to the tribal  
22 council and report to them, because that's where I  
23 report to. And I think that it's important to keep a  
24 government-to-government relationship with all of our  
25 Indian people, our Native Americans, and that we

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1 should have a liaison, if you can't do it, a liaison  
2 person or persons, because I know there's a lot of  
3 people, Native American people that need to be heard.

4 And I just want to know how come it's taken  
5 this long to have a meeting. It's been a long time  
6 is what I've heard from the other ones. And I would  
7 like so see it more often, maybe once every six  
8 months or even closer than that, just as long as we  
9 know what you're doing.

10 And again as a Southern Paiute we're located  
11 in Arizona but our people are in this area and that's  
12 our aboriginal territories. And so the concerns for  
13 our people here in the Las Vegas, Moapa and the other  
14 tribes that are located in the vicinity of Yucca  
15 Mountain is very important. And we support what,  
16 well, I support what they say, because they need to  
17 be heard because of the site being so close to their  
18 reservation and their lands also and their concerns.

19 And again I'd like to state that this is not  
20 a consultation. You have to go to our tribal  
21 council, our Indian nations that make all of our  
22 decisions for our people.

23 And I would like to state that we need to  
24 know where this rail is going to exist in this whole  
25 nation so that we can help the other Native Americans

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1 rail through the Western Shoshone traditional  
2 homelands.

3 And I reiterate what all the tribal people  
4 here have said in regards to, you know, their  
5 concerns, and also we support what our spokesperson  
6 has said. Thank you.

7 ROBIN SWEENEY: Thank you.

8 LEE CHAVEZ: My name is Lee Chavez, Bishop  
9 Paiute, Owens Valley.

10 And my concerns are, well, I feel you guys  
11 haven't fulfilled your duty to contact all of the  
12 people that may be endangered by this move. You're  
13 only dealing with Nevada. And the lines of the rails  
14 will be coming across the whole United States in  
15 every direction.

16 And I feel it's your trust responsibility to  
17 contact all these people. I believe there's 72  
18 commercial sites and DOE sites, and that's a lot of  
19 sites, and I imagine there's going to be more. And  
20 you need to contact all those people also for  
21 comments. This is only a partial job that you're  
22 doing here. This is a small percent. That's all I  
23 have to say.

24 ROBIN SWEENEY: Thank you.

25 On behalf of DOE I'd like to thank all of

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1 be of support on what they think is important for  
2 them. And that's all I have to say.

3 ROBIN SWEENEY: Thank you.

4 LAWANDA LAFFOON: Good afternoon. My name  
5 is Lawanda Laffoon, Colorado River Indian Tribe,  
6 Parker, Arizona. I support the statements made by  
7 the CGTO spokesperson, Richard Arnold. I also  
8 support what has been said by the rest of the members  
9 of the CGTO.

10 I would like to state that I am opposed to a  
11 rail alignment for the construction and operation of  
12 a rail line for spent nuclear fuel, high level waste  
13 and other materials from a site near Caliente to  
14 Yucca Mountain. I am also opposed to a rail system  
15 across tribal lands and traditional lands. And thank  
16 you for this opportunity to make these statements.

17 ROBIN SWEENEY: Thank you.

18 BETTY CORNELIUS: My name is Betty  
19 Cornelius, and I'm with the Colorado River Indian  
20 Tribes.

21 My concern is the quality of improvements.  
22 I would like DOE to be more specific. I also  
23 question the risk assessments that DOE is  
24 perpetuating. I question the right-of-way that DOE  
25 is going to take from BLM when they establish this

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1 you for coming here and taking time out of your very  
2 busy lives to provide these comments, and I  
3 appreciate all of them and look forward to talking to  
4 you again.

5 (Thereupon the proceedings  
6 were concluded at 3:05 p.m.)

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1 CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER

2 STATE OF NEVADA )

3 SS:

4 COUNTY OF CLARK.)

5 I, Deborah Ann Hines, certified shorthand  
6 reporter, do hereby certify that I took down in  
7 shorthand (Stenotype) all of the proceedings had in  
8 the before-entitled matter at the time and place  
9 indicated; and that thereafter said shorthand notes  
10 were transcribed into typewriting at and under my  
11 direction and supervision and the foregoing  
12 transcript constitutes a full, true and accurate  
13 record of the proceedings had.

14 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed  
15 my hand this 3rd day of June, 2004.  
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